

LEAGUE TABLE AS AT JULY 28, 1951

First Division							Second Division								
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Yallourn	17	10	1	6	44	26	24	J.U.S.T.	17	15	1	1	67	16	31
Brighton	17	9	3	5	54	25	23	Juventus	16	10	2	4	61	18	24
Prahran	17	10	4	3	60	37	23	Hakoah J.R.C.	17	10	5	2	54	33	22
Sunshine United	16	10	4	2	49	28	22	Moreland	16	7	3	6	33	30	20
Box Hill	17	9	6	2	42	37	20	F.N.D.	16	7	6	3	44	44	17
South Yarra	17	7	7	3	45	36	17	South Melbourne	16	6	8	2	41	32	14
Park Rangers	17	4	7	6	36	36	14	George Cross	16	5	9	2	35	50	12
Sandringham City	17	4	9	4	33	49	12	Preston	17	3	9	5	27	58	11
Footscray City	16	4	9	3	24	48	11	Elfers	16	2	11	3	26	53	7
Sunshine City	17	0	17	0	17	82	0	University	17	2	13	2	24	58	6

Reserve Tables

First Division								Second Division							
Park Rangers	17	12	3	2	63	24	26	Preston	17	5	8	4	25	24	14
Yallourn	17	11	4	2	56	25	24	University	17	5	9	3	29	52	13
South Yarra	17	9	2	6	46	23	24	George Cross	15	5	9	1	25	30	11
Brighton	17	10	5	2	45	46	22	Elfers	16	4	10	2	23	67	10
Prahran	17	9	6	2	55	34	20	South Melbourne	17	3	14	0	24	64	6
Sunshine United	17	8	8	1	51	37	17	Third Division							
Box Hill	17	6	10	1	37	46	13	Park Rangers	17	13	1	3	57	26	29
Sandringham City	17	4	11	2	16	54	10	Polonia	17	14	3	0	89	21	28
Footscray City	17	3	11	3	25	55	9	R.A.A.F.	17	12	3	2	67	42	26
Sunshine City	17	2	14	1	19	68	5	South Yarra	15	11	2	2	72	37	24
								Box Hill	15	8	6	1	55	46	17
								Coburg	16	8	7	1	46	44	17
								Williamstown	14	6	4	4	44	43	16
								Brighton	17	7	9	1	29	41	15
								Royal Caledonians	13	3	10	0	8	36	6
								Moorabbin City	17	2	15	0	25	74	4
								Macedonians	14	2	12	0	12	47	4
								Olympic	16	1	15	0	3	50	2
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Juventus	16	13	3	0	51	11	26								
Moreland	16	12	3	1	49	19	25								
F.N.D.	14	6	5	3	33	37	15								
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Williamstown	14	6	4	4	44	43	16
Brighton	17	7	9	1	29	41	15
Royal Caledonians	13	3	10	0	8	36	6
Moorabbin City	17	2	15	0	25	74	4
Macedonians	14	2	12	0	12	47	4
Olympic	16	1	15	0	3	50	2

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Dickason (Brighton's goalie) attempts to throw the ball clear in a tense moment at Surrey Park. It looks like Hutchinson (Box Hill) is going to stop the ball "with his hands." They say "the camera cannot lie."

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



Friends of our columnist, Rex Benson, who read my paragraph about his recent operation, will be pleased to hear that he is doing well, and to see that he was well enough to write Home and Away as usual this week. Rex has had a rough time, and we shall all be glad to see him on his feet and back with us again.

Shock last week was Sunshine United's pasting at the hand of South Yarra. This means that although in the Second Division today's game made no difference to promotion or relegation, in the First Division games today not only vitally affect the relegation zone but also can determine the winner.

Today is the final day of the League competitions, and next week we enter that exciting period during which the Dockerty cup will be fought out. This year there is a definite possibility that the trophy may go to a team in the lower divisions. Some of the new clubs of 1951 are far stronger than their League standing indicates. However, such teams will have a hard job ahead of them. Whereas the senior League teams have had hard competition all the season it must be admitted that competition generally in the lower sections is not so strong. Therefore that essential "hard practice" is lacking for even the best third and fourth division sides. League 4 winners, Polonia, made no mistake in defeating Third Division champions from Geelong — International Harvester — in the Divisional Cup last week. Unlucky in the first half to put one in its own goal, Harvester was one down at half-time and looked like making a hard fight of it. After the interval, however, the Polish side ran away with it and netted five more before the final whistle.

Loss of key players to the Kangaroos (now in New Zealand) shook one or two teams on Saturday. Prahran lost to Box Hill on its own ground, while Brighton could only manage a draw at Middle Park against Park Rangers. Moreland, also in Division 2, was held to a draw by the Navy.

The Kangaroos, however, had nothing to do with the feat of lowly Preston in snatching a draw with the mighty J.U.S.T. and thereby taking a point from a side which had dropped but two points previously this season.

On August 18, the South Australian Under 19 team will be in Melbourne to play Victoria Under 19 for the Skolnik Cup, which South Australia won last year in Adelaide. This game is the principal junior interstate fixture that Victoria takes part in and is played every year. Victoria this time has a strong side, particularly in defence, and skipper Bob Traynor should have no worries on that account. The side could do with a little more pep on the forward line. This will no doubt be forthcoming as coach McCarthy puts them through their paces against stronger teams each Sunday afternoon. This Sunday they play Coburg (senior team) at Middle Park at 1 p.m.

The "call-up" is making heavy inroads into the ranks of some clubs Under 19 teams. Brighton in particular is losing four players, Bob Dixon and Jimmy Young to the Air Force at Laverton and Gordon Cullen and Ron West to the Army at Puckapunyal. No doubt many other clubs are suffering the same way. It is to be hoped that these "stars of tomorrow" will have the facilities for continual playing.

BRITISH FOOTBALL TOPICS

By "SPOT KICK"

(From "Soccer Mail," W.A.)

The Federation of International Football Associations, of which all the British Associations are members, may soon again have to enforce their rule which forbids players taking part in games conducted by Associations not in membership with the F.I.F.A.

The latest player to receive an offer from the Columbian Football Association, South America, is none other than the star of Soccer, the Blackpool and England winger, Stanley Matthews. (The Columbian F.A. is not affiliated with the F.I.F.A.)

The offer is for the month of June this year, and the letter tactfully states that Matthews' services are required as a coach.

Matthews is also invited to take along with him Stan Mortenson (Blackpool and England inside forward), Harvey Johnston (Blackpool Captain, and England half-back), and Eddie Shimwell (Blackpool full-back).

The letter stresses, that should the players accept, they will sign contracts as coaches, but also offers the following terms to study:—

- (a) The playing of at least three and not more than six exhibition games, for which each would receive £50 per game.
- (b) Each player to receive £18 — a week spending money.
- (c) All return air passages and hotel expenses to be paid by the Columbian F.A.
- (d) Match fees to be paid in U.S. dollars.
- (e) A bonus of £10 for a win and £5 for a draw.

An attractive offer to say the least!

Neil Franklin, who was recently transferred from Stoke City to Hull City, after his term of suspension imposed on him by the F.A. had expired, must have thought that he had heard the last of South American Soccer.

Far from it!

The English international centre-half, who left England for Columbia, South America, in May, 1950, without the sanction of the English F.A., and returned to England in July last year, lately received a writ from a firm of London solicitors, acting for the Independiente Santa Fe Club in Columbia.

The writ claims:—

- (a) Signing-on fee of £1250.
- (b) Franklin's air fare from London to Bogota; also the outward fares of his wife and son.
- (c) Air fare for his wife and son from Bogota to London, and Franklin's fare from Bogota to New York on his return journey.
- (d) Repayment of expenses incurred in choosing a modern house for Franklin, purchases of furniture and curtains, and accommodation at the Hotel Granada, Bogota.
- (e) The Club's liability for tax on Franklin's earnings in Columbia.
- (f) Receipts which the club says were lost through Franklin's non-appearance.

Another player involved in the Bogota fiasco was Bobby Flavell, well-known Hearts and Scotland outside-left.

Although Flavell's period of suspension, for his de-bunk to South America, does not expire until May 1 this year, negotiations are already under way for his transfer to Dundee. A form cannot be signed until after May 1, but Dundee's manager (Mr. G. Anderson) has a verbal agreement with the players. In the Dundee side, Flavell is expected to play alongside Scotland's best inside-forward, Billy Steel. Flavell's transfer may be completed in time for him to accompany his new club in its close season tour of Israel and Turkey. The transfer fee has been estimated at over £5000.

Just over three years ago Flavell cost Hearts £11,500 from Airdrie.



LOOK AHEAD

By VIC. ROSE

With the League fixtures drawing to a close and the English team on its way home, the time is opportune to make a survey of the game in Victoria for planning the future.

The two outstanding features of this season are:—

- (1) The English team has shown us how far behind the rest of the world we are in soccer "know how."
- (2) The difficulties surrounding the game are accentuated by the fact that we have no home of our own, even the continuity of the use of Olympic Park being denied us.

The question immediately arises, what can we do about it?

Regarding the first problem I think the answer is to be found in the employment by the Australian Association of a highly qualified coach from overseas to cover all States. His job would be to train coaches, and to lay down a qualifying standard for all coaches to attain, thus eventually reaching a high standard of coaching throughout Australia. Results from this work should be apparent when the time comes to stage the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

The answer to the second problem is not so easy. The need is urgent. The crowds now following the game at various matches have grown to the point where it is necessary to have an enclosed arena from the point of view alone of controlling the crowds. These, irrespective of where they come from, sometimes become difficult to handle in an open park. There are in Melbourne many grounds which only attract a handful of spectators when the second team is playing at home. We could talk money to the respective councils in these cases, with, I think, a good chance of achieving the desired result.

We must have money in hand to buy or lease a ground when the opportunity arises. The Queen Carnival now being conducted for this purpose is good, but is a slow progress. Why not issue debentures, and get the money in quickly.

Swift action in this regard is, I think, essential. At the present time we have all the potentialities to forge ahead. We certainly cannot stand still. The only alternative is to relapse into the old state of lethargy, which I am sure we all wish to avoid.

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No. 4—FRANK WAGHORN



Readers of "Soccer News" this season have been treated to a particularly fine series of action photos, as well as portraits of many leading players, so let me introduce the man responsible.

You've all seen him, crouched behind the goal, or running along the line, camera angled for the next shot—usually at the match of the day," but some Saturdays at two or more different games. That's Frank Waghorn, the "Soccer News" official photographer.

Frank's first interest in soccer was aroused some twenty years ago when, as a scout in the local troop, Saturday afternoon expeditions took him past the Box Hill club's ground. Such was the attraction of soccer that tracking games and fire-lighting or cooking tests were often forgotten.

However, Frank did not become a soccer player and it was not until just after the war that he even became a regular follower of the game. Then he started to follow the fortunes of the local club still Box Hill, and has been one of its staunchest supporters ever since. He has now served two seasons as a member of the club's committee.

An instrument maker by trade, Frank Waghorn made photography his hobby years ago and he is familiar with all its phases. The "Soccer News" photographs are taken with a small Retina I camera, which takes thirty-six 35-millimetre photos on a film. Frank does all the developing and enlarging and often, if he has not exposed all of the film by the end of the game, has to cut the film and replace the unused part in the camera, so that the day's photos can be prepared for quick publication if required.

First of his photos to appear in "Soccer News" were taken, unofficially, at the Victoria v. South Australia match at Olympic Park last year, and were so good that he was asked to take on the job officially this season.

In this capacity he has been seen in characteristic attitudes not only at Olympic Park and most League grounds, but also at Norwood Oval, Adelaide, on May 9, and at the M.C.G. and the Richmond ground in June. Frank met many of the English tourists personally and put most of them "in the box" for future reference.

However, it is for his superb action shots that Frank Waghorn is best known to "Soccer News" readers, and some have been heard to say, so good is his anticipation, he should be out there on the "island" instead of around the lines. Perish the thought! If Frank did that, what should we put above those familiar little words, "Soccer News' Photo."



Frank Waghorn

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World Cup

Australian team to play Holland on Sunday, August 5, at Middle Park. Kick-off 2 p.m.

J. Roberts (Sunshine United), N. Doherty (Sunshine United), A. Harraden (Sunshine United), J. Mackie (Park Rangers), Les Bird (Sunshine United), W. Lester (Box Hill), A. Nelson (Park Rangers), M. Tormey (Coburg), S. Gillis (Park Rangers), J. R. Wilson (Park Rangers), W. Guy (Park Rangers).

Reserves: M. James (South Melbourne), R. Cottrell, P. Holden (Park Rangers). Report Park Rangers dressing rooms 1.30 p.m. to J. R. Wilson.

WORLD CUP COMPETITION

Sunday (tomorrow), August 5, South Melbourne's Ground, Middle Park. Kick-off, 3.30 p.m.

ENGLAND v. MALTA

ENGLAND

Weight
(Park Rangers)

Dawson
(Footscray City)

Willee
(University)

Marsden
(Brighton)

Evans
(S'shine Utd.)

White
(Prahran)

Hirst
(Sth. Yarra)

Gamble
(Brighton)

Lynn
(Park Rangers)

Bain
(South Yarra)

Finney
(Prahran)

Reserves: Brown (Box Hill), Otto (Box Hill), Pennington (Moorabbin), Walker (Sandringham), Wilkinson (Sandringham).

Players are requested to bring white shirts and black shorts and report to Mr. J. Finney or W. Bowman by 3 p.m. All Reserves are requested to be in attendance.



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By REX BENSON



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HUNGARY OUT

Following Saturday's victory of Polonia over International Harvester, the Polish team trounced the new Hungarian team by 3-1 in the World Cup on Sunday. The Poles' obvious mid-field supremacy was apparent to all, for although the Hungarians fought gallantly the "hole in the middle" stood out. With better co-operation between inside-forwards and wing-halves Hungaria next year should be a force to be reckoned with.

SOCCER CARNIVAL

Melbourne is the venue this year of the inter-Varsity Soccer Carnival. Present holder of the championship is Sydney University, and on present form is expected to retain it.

THE UMBRELLA MAN

Arthur Smith, famous right-wing of Aston Villa in the "naughty nineties," played in one wet game with an open umbrella. There was no rule preventing him.

ALAS, POOR DICK

Rumour has it that our Editor had a rude awakening last Sunday morning to find that his home had been burgled while he slept. The intruder who got away with a few quid, missed out on a lot more that the Editor and son both happened to have in the house. I understand that there is no truth in the rumour that "Soccer News" is starting an Editor's mutual aid fund.

QUIZ

Player takes penalty kick, and as goalkeeper pushes out his shot, bangs the rebound into the net. When would this not count as a goal?

Answer: When extra time has been allowed before the half-time or final whistle for the kick to be taken.

COMPARISON WITH TODAY

The 1925 Professional Soccer team to visit Australia played 25 matches, scored 139 goals, and conceded 13. Since running into top gear, the 1951 team has eclipsed this record.

PLAYED FOR OTHER SIDE

Mortenson, as first reserve, was watching his side, England, play Wales in a war-time international. A Welsh player was injured, and during the second half Mortenson took his place.

HERNIAED HAMMER

Sandringham City — stuck at the last minute without a keeper against Sunshine City last Saturday—called on ex-Under 19 skipper, Billy Stevenson, to help out. Bill, who usually performs at centre-half, played like a champion and only let one through during the 90 minutes. Incidentally, Bill is not supposed to be played at all as he is recovering from a "hernia" operation.

ORIGINAL MAGPIES

It is common to call clubs with black and white stripes "Magpies." The original club was Notts County, founded in 1862, before the Football League was formed. They now wear a white shirt with black facings.

POWER IN A NAME

Such was the magic behind the name of Arsenal twenty years ago, that the L.P.T.B. changed the name of the underground station, "Highbury Hill," to "Arsenal." It is adjoining the ground.



Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir.—It is encouraging to hear that both Mr. Saunders and Mr. Beale have confidence that soccer could be organised in many schools, and I wholeheartedly agree it is most desirable, but until I see proof around my own district, I must stick to my original statement, that the prospects of getting soccer in the schools are nil. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Beale give some reasons why it is not in the school, hence my reasons advocating first priority for school-boys on Saturdays. I do so after 17 years among junior and school-boy soccer, plus a fair knowledge of the efforts of some of my colleagues to get soccer on a competitive basis in schools. Space in this paper will not allow me to elaborate. The important question is, has the soccer code any prospects of the Educational authorities establishing a soccer competition for State school-boys, as in some of the other States?

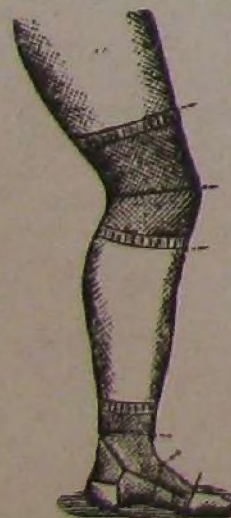
So I would respectfully suggest Mr. Saunders and Mr. Beale convene a meeting of school teachers with that in view, as I am afraid the Educational authorities would not allow an outside body to control school sport. I think if the assistance had been given to soccer enthusiasts' requests to the schools during the last 25 years, we should have more past Australian school-boys playing in senior soccer today. Teachers, sporting commentators, and even Members of Parliament of Victoria declare Australian Rules is the national game and comes first. However, I hope the V.A.S.F.A. contacts the Physical Education Staff at the M.T.C. as suggested by Mr. Saunders. —Yours, etc., BILL BOWMAN.

I suggest that members of the Junior Association get together with Mr. Beale and Mr. Saunders and discuss ways and means, as little more can be gained by discussion in these pages. EDITOR.]

LAST MINUTE REPORT

The "Kangaroos" who are touring New Zealand, played their first game last Saturday against Wellington at Wellington. We regret to say that the 'Roos were defeated 5-4.

In their second game against South Island Minor Association, the Tourists were victorious by 4 goals to 3.



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Secretary's Notes



R.A.A.F. Soccer Club.—Please note that Mr. Barton has resigned and the new Secretary to whom all correspondence should be addressed is L.A.C. Wiltshire, F., No. 1, F.T.S., R.A.A.F., Point Cook.

Divisional Cup Semi-Final.—Coburg v. Ulsterville at Olympic Park, 4/8/51, at 1.15 p.m.

The winners of the above match will meet Polonia in the Final of the Divisional Cup.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup

DOCKERTY CUP

Round 3, August 25.

Olympic or George Cross v. South Melbourne or Yallourn.
Williamstown or Moorabbin or J.U.S.T. or Prahran v. International Harvester or Polonia.
Footscray City or Ulsterville or Box Hill v. Preston or Geelong United.
Balwyn United or Hollandia v. Fifers or Sunshine City.
Juventus or Sandringham City v. Frankston, Maryvale or Park Rangers.
Royal Caledonians or White Eagles v. Moreland or F.N.D.
Heidelberg or Coburg or Woodlands v. Slavia or Maccabi.
Sunshine United or Hakoah v. University or Brighton or South Yarra.

RESERVE CUP

Round 3, August 25.

Park Rangers or Moorabbin or Brighton or F.N.D. v. South Melbourne or Prahran or J.U.S.T.
Polonia or Moreland or Preston v. Sunshine City or Coburg or Hakoah.
Fifers or Caledonians or Sunshine United or Macedonians v. University or Box Hill or South Yarra or George Cross.
R.A.A.F. or Sandringham City or Yallourn v. Juventus or Footscray or Olympic or Williamstown.

Semi-Final, September 2.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Next week, owing to the small number of games being played officially, "Soccer News" will be forwarded only to the clubs playing in the first round of the Dockerty Cup and those playing postponed League games. Clubs other than those already mentioned who require copies of "Soccer News" must notify our circulation Manager, Mr. V. Rose, by Monday, August 6. EDITOR.

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Club Jottings

FIFERS

The one bright spot of news from last week-end was the publication of the Cup draw, which at least gives us a sporting chance in the opening rounds.

We are all naturally disappointed at the present turn of events, which leaves us in such a desperate position in the league; but at least we can look back on games when the Fifers gave more than a good account of themselves. Our supporters, anyway, are saying, "First or Fourth Division, we shall follow the Fifers." To them — boys and girls — we say, "Thank you most sincerely for your encouragement."

Plans are well ahead for the social evening in the Rifle Club Hall, Fairfield. Please watch for news of the date. You are assured of a good evening and a Scot's welcome, och aye! We are also well advanced with plans for the annual dance and will announce date and venue as soon as possible.

Seems we are to lose Alec Gordon to Korea — but no time for soccer! As John Beveridge would say, "Guid luck son and a' the best."

HEYFIELD

The first half of the season terminated on July 14. All fixtures were fulfilled and those for the second half have been arranged. Heyfield club is lying second in the Latrobe Valley League and we all hope to reach the top by the end of the second half.

Heyfield put two teams in the field last Sunday and played a good match. This ended in a draw 3-3. The result was a donation of £7/10/- to the Australian Red Cross Society for which the Hon. Sec., Mr. D. J. Rusk, sent an encouraging letter of thanks.

We are about to form a junior team.

It is good to note that the people are becoming interested in soccer in this district since the formation of our club. D. ANTONOVICH.

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JUVENTUS

A whole battalion of Box Hill representatives turned up at the Juventus dance last Friday, to present their Cup to our best and fairest player in our encounter at Olympic Park last month. Muzzin, our outside-right, was the recipient and he showed his deep appreciation by being very bashful and blushing all over. The Cup later on was christened and passed around for all the players to inspect.

The day after Juventus again went on to consolidate its grip on the promotion. The win against South Melbourne 8-2, and our general good showing all through this year is a tribute to our trainer, Ivan, who really did a lion's job with the boys. Everybody still remembers his words at the beginning of the season: "This year we will go into First Division." —E. C. SARTORI.

PARK RANGERS

Although Brighton had made several changes in the team that visited Middle Park, the players were able to gain and hold a 2-0 lead before half-time, the goal scorers being Balabanski and Lott. A third goal was added early in the second half by Doel. With the score 3-0 against Rangers, considerable pressure forced the tiring Brighton players on the defensive. By sheer persistence Stackey paved the way for the home team's first goal from Gillis. Then Wilson scored twice to level the tally. From then on the tempo of the game increased with both sides striving for the winning goal.

On the whole, Brighton were the better team, but could not stay the distance. Dickason (goal), Good (R. B.), Doel (L. R.) and Balabanski (O. L.) gave good service. Rangers really produced some good football in the second half, especially from Lynn (L. B.), Howieson (O. R.) and Starkey (O. L.).

What is wrong with the players who take penalties? The respective captains on Saturday each elected to take a shot from the spot. Wilson (P. R.) had to take "two bites from the one cherry," while Jack's shot was saved and cleared by Rangers' goalie, Murray. It is not two weeks ago that the writer saw a 13-year-old boy take such a shot perfectly and with confidence and aplomb of a veteran. This was in an inter-Technical school game between two city boys' teams!!

POLONIA

Last week-end was one of the greatest in Polonia's history. As a winner of two important and fast-playing games, the club is proud of its boys whose successful efforts make the club more popular from day to day.

The way to the final of Divisional Cup wasn't easy. It was a hard fight to get through the International Harvester good defence in the second half. The score 7-1 was unlucky for the guests, for their forward line was good too. It was one of the best games this season and we congratulate the International Harvester on its promotion to the Second Division and for its good sportsmanship.

Last Sunday the Polonia team, which represents Poland in the World Cup competition, made a name for itself when it defeated Hungary in a fast and sensational game. The Hungarian team was really as good as expected, but the Poles think their victory was deserved. It was remarkable that our boys were not tired after Saturday's game, and their spirit in this game was one of the best experienced. We found it true that the stronger the opponent the better the team plays. May the Poles' fine form continue in the games to come.

The Reserve team defeated Williamstown Reserve 3-1 at Williamstown. —J. Ch.

[Polonia! Please get your notes in my hands on Monday. EDITOR.]

PRESTON

Preston, struggling to avoid relegation, has been the first team to take a point off the Yugoslavs this season. It was no fluke either; in fact, this was the best game of soccer I have seen in the Victorian League. The Yugoslav forward line was dynamic; passes going from man to man with clockwork precision, yet always at the crucial moment a Preston defender tackled and cleared upfield. Against a close-passing movement, Preston opposed a swinging game, that nearly brought victory on several occasions.

In this hard-fought game two men stood like stone — one, the Yugoslav right-back; the other, Preston's right-half, John Finnerty. This is not to belittle the other twenty; they played like men inspired. Preston's supporters gasped when Kish was beaten with a cannon-ball drive, only to shout for joy when Crompvoets miraculously cleared right on the line. Then, at the other end, with the goalkeeper not knowing what day it was, the ball was scrambled away for a corner. This kind of play was maintained throughout the whole ninety minutes.

The only wonder is that Preston is placed so lowly on the ladder. It is not a scientific side, but comprises hard-tackling youth full of fight. If it developed the swinging game, the team should not only avoid relegation, but go far in the Dockerty Cup as well. —E. BEALE.

[Preston! Please try and get your Jottings in on Monday. EDITOR.]

SANDRINGHAM

The gala dance in the Memorial Hall was well attended and enjoyable.

Sandringham No. 1 team, at Olive Street, downed Sunshine City 4-1, and Reserves at Sunshine beat Sunshine City Reserves 2-1. The junior Under 14 defeated South Melbourne B, 6-0. —SALOPIAN.

SOUTH YARRA

South Yarra Reserves, at home to Sunshine United Reserves, did not produce the form displayed against Brighton the previous week when trouncing a team containing six of the "Kangaroos." However, Yarra gained a couple of valuable points. Naylor opened the scoring for Yarra with a splendid shot well out of the way of Lindgren (S. U.). Shortly afterwards, Hanna, with clever ball-work gave Yarra an easy goal. Sunshine were playing under a handicap besides being a man short. Lindgren (S. U.) had a bandaged head to protect a bad cut sustained previous to the match. Evans (S. U.) reduced the lead when he cut down the wing and beat Dall with a terrific drive. After half-time, Collins (S. U.) levelled the score. The atrocious shooting of the Yarra forwards left much to be desired. Time and again with open goals they failed to hit the mark or shot blindly at Lindgren. From a penalty, Sharp put Yarra in the

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lead and then Naylor netted again after a few minutes. Sunshine was always a danger right through and was finally rewarded when Hill (S. U.) gave them another goal. Lindgren (S. U.) played well in goal and despite his injury, went for the ball with great agility. Final: South Yarra Reserves, 4, Sunshine United Reserves 3.

The referee failed to turn up; Mr. A. Duff officiated instead.

Yarra Firsts playing at Sunshine Park caused a surprise to beat the "Shiners." Scorers for Yarra, Gibbons (4), Hirst.

The Thirds travelled to Moorabbin and won again, beating the City 5-2. Scorers for Yarra, Knott (2), Robinson (2), Hawkes.

South Yarra cabaret ball (October 26) will be a great night. All players and supporters intending going had better get tickets early. —W. E. BINYON.

SUNSHINE UNITED

South Yarra, by determination in getting the ball first, upset the play of the home side and prevented it getting down to its style of play. Getting two good goals early gave encouragement to greater effort and when Hunter reduced the lead for Sunshine, Yarra succeeded in regaining the two goal lead in the next five minutes. United were fighting an uphill battle all day and with the score 4-1 at half-time, the lead became too great for United to overtake. The Yarra was the better side on the day, winning by 5-2.

Under 15, the cream of the Sunshine club, proved easy winners against Ringwood by 7-0.

The committee plans to have the South Australian champions, Birkalla Rovers, here at the end of the season. The South Australians have an imposing record—Champions, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1950 and undefeated this season up till now; Pozza Cup, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950; Pelaco Cup 1950; Lightning Premiership 1951. —BILL BOWMAN.

ULSTERVILLE

Ulsterville having a blank Saturday, arranged a friendly match with the Reserves. There was a good turn out of players and a Possibles and Probables match arranged. Best players for the Probables: J. Andrews, W. Clements, A. Heap and for the Possibles; J. Finlay, D. Roddick and J. Murray. May the better team win between Ulsterville and Coburg in the semi-final of the Divisional Cup. The club's centre-forward, W. Cairns, sustained an injury to his ribs against Woodlands, but it is hoped he will be fit soon. —RED HAND.

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Junior Section

THE COACH SAYS DON'T HANG YOUR BOOTS UP IN THE OFF-SEASON

Today most of the League fixtures will be finalised and we have now the Cup rounds to enjoy; then the big round ball is replaced by the little round ball until next year. During these months, when the little round ball takes preference, don't entirely desert our old friend. Use the long evenings during the summer months to keep your soccer feet and head working. Some of you, no doubt, will play cricket, tennis, or some other form of summer sport, and may say, "It's too hot for soccer."



I agree it is, but it's not too hot when you go to the beach for instance to take along a beach ball and form a ring for playing headings between swims. Remember our hints on heading?

In today's article, I have two pictures. The first one is of Ike Clarke (England) heading a goal in one of the matches here. Notice how he does it, and it wasn't a demonstration. You will notice how his head has hit the ball. He hasn't just stuck his head in the way of the ball for it to bounce off. Remember always to have a definite object when you head a ball. You intend to direct the ball somewhere and you intend it to go where you direct it. You can have a lot of fun on the beach, too, this summer by playing heading tennis. I told you how to play this in an earlier article,



Ike Clarke

but if any of you are not too sure how to play it, if you get in touch with me I shall come to the beach and show you.

Both of these are not only good fun on the beach, but will help you to keep in touch with the big round ball for next season.

The other picture is of Langton about to take a corner-kick. If I did not know it actually happened in a match, I would say he was giving a demonstration of the correct way to kick a ball and posing for the photographer. Everything about that demonstration is faultless. Notice how his non-kicking leg is alongside the ball, and how he is leaning forward with his eyes on the ball. Remember he is taking a corner-kick, has already surveyed the field, knows where he wants to kick it, and his whole concentration is on the ball.

Kicking the ball reminds me of what



Bobby Langton

I told you earlier this season. To do this effectively "YOU MUST HAVE TWO FEET." I cannot stress this point too much, for all through this season I have seen more one-footed footballers, yes, in the First Division too, than I have two-footers.

Have you ever heard the old slogan, "A whistling woman and a crowing hen is neither good to devil nor men?" I would like to add my version, "A soccer player with only one foot is no good to a team and is not worth a hoot."

Back to the beach and the beach-ball. Stick a couple of sticks in the sand and whilst one of your mates acts as goalkeeper, practise kicking the ball with either foot. This won't hurt you even in bare feet. In fact, it will serve two purposes. It will also teach you to kick with your instep and not with your toes. Keep on practising with that bad foot and by the time next season comes, you, as an individual with two feet, will be an asset to any team you play for.

There are lots of things you can do on the beach to improve your soccer. You can practise dribbling for instance, and here is one golden rule: never attempt to dribble with the toe. Here again the asset of the beach in bare feet comes in. For the straight, fast dribble, it will be found that the outside of the foot, with the toes bent inwards and downwards, gives the best results. This does not mean that the inside must never be used; it will frequently come into play for just a little tap here and there, but the outside is the part of the foot mostly used. An essential thing is there should be some "give" in the ankle; in other words, do not hold your ankle rigid.

Then you can play "selling the dummy," which means, in fact, that you make your opponent think you are going to do something that you don't intend to — for instance, that you are going to pass when you intend to dribble straight on. You can go through the preliminary motions of stopping the ball dead with your heel, or pulling it on one side with your foot, and then passing your foot over the ball so that it runs straight on. Four golden rules about dribbling: (1) Be able to use the outside or the inside of the foot; (2) be able to use either foot; (3) go straight and fast; (4) do not over-dribble. That means pass to one of your team mates if he is well placed.

My final message is, if you want to be a good soccer player, you must practise. I hope you have benefited by our talks, and if I can help any of you juniors during the summer please contact me, XB 6789. Remember, it is practise — practise — practise!

Junior Trial Games

The Under 19 years played a selected Reserve team at Middle Park and won 3 goals to 1. These lads are really getting good practise games to get them fit for the South Australia game. Next Sunday, August 5., these lads are requested to attend at Middle Park at 1 o'clock to play Coburg's First team. Don't forget to turn up. I didn't see "Soccer News" is no excuse. Best players were Jarman, Traynor, Worthington and Pepper.

The Under 17 years of age will play at Park Rangers' ground at 11 o'clock sharp a selected team from Juventus. This team will give them a grand game on Sunday, August 5. These lads met Park Rangers last Sunday and played a draw — 2 goals. All the Under 17 years please turn up. This will be the last practise match till you are told about the Gippsland trip. Best players last Sunday were McCarthy, McIver and McEwan. —J. McCARTHY.

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